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SUBJECT: AGREEMENTS ON LIABILITY FOR NUCLEAR INCIDENTS

REF: A. WELLINGTON 2871 (DTG 310723Z JUL 1976),
B. STATE 190428 (DTG 312108Z JUL 1976)

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL PROVIDED COUNSELOR OF CANADIAN
EMBASSY, SINCLAIR H. NUTTING, ON MORNING OF 2 AUGUST
THE TEXT OF AUCKLAND STAR ARTICLE FROM REFTEL A AND OF
PRESS GUIDANCE TO EMBASSY WELLINGTON FROM PARA 6, REFTEL B.
NUTTING ALSO WAS INFORMED THAT USG WOULD BE WILLING TO
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PROVIDE GNZ SAME LIABILITY ASSURANCES THAT WE HAD PROVIDED

GOC ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACCIDENTS.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL RAISED OBJECTION THAT LEGAL ADVISORY DIVISION OF CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS APPARENTLY HAD DESCRIBED PUBLICLY THE ESSENCE OF A CLASSIFIED USG-GOC EXCHANGE ON LIABILITY ASSURANCES IN THE EVENT OF A NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACCIDENT INVOLVING A U.S. WARSHIP VISITING A CANADIAN PORT.

3. NUTTING EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THE LEGAL ADVISORY DIVISION OF DEA WOULD BE ANSWERING A NEWSPAPER DIRECTLY, AND PROMISED HE WOULD CHECK INTO THE MATTER. HABIB

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